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ADVERTISING RATES LISTED

The General Assembly has under consideration a bill that will authorize the publication of the assessment lists of the several districts in the newspapers in the same manner that the license lists are now published. With some amendments, this bill would be an improvement over the present law, and would result in a more uniform and equitable assessment and a consequent increase in revenue and at no more expense to the counties. Under the present system when the assessor has completed his work in December he hangs up a copy in each district for examination, and after a sitting for appeals, the list is turned over to the Levy Court and there revised and corrected. Then the Clerk of the Peace is paid to make a certified copy to be posted in the District, after which there is an appeal to the Levy Court during the month of March. We have no doubt that if the proposed bill were amended so as to cut out the items of useless expense under the present law, that with the greater publicity secured the appeals to the Levy Court and consequent changes would be practically nil. The great difficulty experienced by anyone who proposes to put our assessment and collection laws on a modern basis, lies in the fact that the system is based on fraud and rottenness. When enacted, the laws were framed for political purposes and no amount of amendment can correct this defective foundation. What is needed is an entire remodeling and a provision for a board of assessment that shall be in session continuously as in other States.

ANOTHER CAUSEWAY NEEDS ATTENTION

We have received during the week several expressions of approval of our course in calling attention to the lack of attention bestowed upon the Silver Run and Augustine causeways, and the citizens of East St. Georges Hundred are almost a unit in demanding that something be done at once. Other complaints keep coming in, being now directed against the condition of the Old Drawers causeway. One prominent citizen stated that he had crossed that causeway recently when it was nearly two feet under water. The trees that line either side of the road, and by the binding effects of their roots, do so much to preserve and strengthen the causeway, are dead or dying. The muskrats have cut holes in to and through the banks, and the road is rapidly passing away. It is nearly a year ago that the entire Levy Court visited this section and went over and inspected among others, these three causeways, and it was decided that all needed something done to them. But it was left to the commissioner for this district to do the "something," and he has done nothing. If repairs are not promptly made, the county will have a large bill to pay for the negligence of one of its commissioners, and the Republican majority will be held responsible.

A CONSERVATIVE VIEW

The Philadelphia Press is one of the conservative Republican newspapers, which, while loyal to the principles of the party, does not hesitate to oppose men and measures when it considers them in the wrong. Its editor, Charles Emory Smith is one of the close friends of President Roosevelt, and what it has to say of the latest Addicks move is interesting.

"In his latest proclamation Mr. Addicks has not only made a serious mistake but committed a grave offense. Its threat of proscription will be deeply resented by every manly spirit, and its assumption of the control of Federal patronage after the 4th of March concerns the President of the United States himself."

Mr. Addicks says that "no man who refused to vote for him will ever be allowed to hold any office in Delaware. This flagrant attempt at intimidation is not merely odious on every moral and political ground; it is as obnoxious to the spirit and intent of the law as open and undisguised bribery. Mr. Addicks has not been discreet in his utterances, but he has seldom spoken with so little discretion as in this offensive declaration. He might possibly in time have conciliated opposition to some extent by a more prudent course, but this in-

temperate utterance can only have the effect of intensifying the resistance he has thus far encountered.

His declaration as to appointments, if less culpable, is quite as ill-judged. He first threatens the political life of every man who refuses to vote for him, and then he practically assumes to say that, after Congressman Ball's term shall expire on the 4th of March, the Federal patronage will be used for the same purpose. He declares that the appointments will then be in his hands, and plainly indicates that he will employ them to enforce the policy of proscription he had already proclaimed. That is an assumption to which President Roosevelt cannot be indifferent. Mr. Addicks, by his extraordinary folly, makes it impossible for the President to do what Mr. Addicks announces; and we venture to say that, rule or no rule, custom or no custom, the President will take the appointments into his own hands, and will make them strictly on the ground of merit without regard to faction.

When Mr. Addicks announced his withdrawal from the senatorial contest he appeared to be entering upon a course which might have given him a different position in the public judgment. Had he followed that announcement by faithfully urging the election of two Senators in such a manner that each of the Republican elements would have been fairly recognized and represented, he would have placed himself on strong ground. But in his present most unwise utterance he forfeits all that he might have gained at home, and compels the President to show that the President cannot be misinterpreted and placed in a false position."

It was said of Mr. Addicks years ago that he could be depended upon to do or say the wrong thing at the right time. This is only added evidence of the truth of the saying.

CARELESSNESS

On Monday of this week the assistant supervisor at the Delaware State Hospital for the Insane was stricken with a severe case of small-pox and removed to the Emergency Hospital. This is the man who was sent to Mt. Pleasant about two weeks ago in the ambulance to bring back the colored man, Pratt, who had escaped from the Emergency Hospital and was captured by some of our local officers. Such carelessness in handling this loathsome disease is almost criminal. No satisfactory excuse has yet been given for Pratt's escape, and we can see no possible excuse for taking a man out of a supposedly healthy institution and compelling him to ride twenty miles in a close wagon with a bad case of small-pox. Then to permit that man to resume his duties and possibly inoculate the whole Insane Hospital, inmates and attendants is still more unexplainable. Somebody should be brought severely to book for this.

WANTS CONTROL OF BANKS

Dover, February 19th.—In a bill presented in the House by Mr. Austin yesterday the State insurance commissioner is authorized to assume supervision over all banks, buildings and loan associations, trust companies, safe deposit, guarantee and bonding corporations, incorporated under the laws of Delaware. The insurance commissioner shall require these corporations to make not less than two reports each year. The commissioner shall also have power to call for special reports at any time. Any corporation failing to send reports to the commissioner when required, will be liable to a fine of \$100 for each day after the period it delays to transmit said report.

Every officer who makes false statements or entries with intent to deceive the examiner appointed to audit the books, shall be guilty of a high misdemeanor.

The attorney-general, on notice by the commissioner, shall make proceedings against any corporation judged in an unsafe condition by the commissioner. The commissioner may take possession until the termination of the attorney-general's action, or until the appointment of a receiver by the law.

A tax of one-fourth of one percent shall be levied upon all of the surplus fund of said corporation, exceeding twenty-five percent of the said fund.

The commissioner is authorized to issue certificates to these corporations allowing them to do business in this State, the price of the certificate being \$100, and they will hold good for one year. A fee of \$10 will also be charged for the filing of a certified copy of the charter.

Each building and loan association, whether existing under the laws of this State or another State, will be required to furnish a detailed report showing the gross amount of interests, premiums, repayments and dues received and collected by said association, and its aggregate assets and liabilities at the close of the fiscal year, to be verified by the president and secretary of said association. Each building and loan association shall be required to pay an annual fee of \$5 for filing these reports and shall pay \$100 for the privilege of doing business in the State.

It shall be the duty of the commissioner to examine the accounts of an association whenever demanded by twenty shareholders.

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## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

What the Law Makers Have Been Doing This Week

The Legislature has finished the seventh week of the present session and very little important business has been transacted. They adjourned Thursday noon to take a trip to Rehoboth.

The House passed the Pardee bill making it a penalty of \$5 for each muskrat killed by gunners when they are driven out by high tides.

The Governor and Secretary of State may stamp their autographs on license blanks now instead of signing them with pen and ink.

Representative Tyre's graded school bill provides that rural districts may combine and have a graded school with modern facilities.

Attorney General Ward on Tuesday addressed the House on the states of the New Jersey-Delaware controversy over territorial jurisdiction.

The House passed the act permitting persons to take out marriage license without giving bond.

The Senate Tuesday adopted a joint resolution providing for a joint committee to ascertain the ownership of Delaware College. The trustees desire an additional appropriation of \$15,000 for buildings and repairs.

Senate Clerk Baynum resumed his work this week after having been incapacitated for ten days by injury to his right hand.

The Senate Tuesday adopted Mr. Sparker's resolution instructing the clerk to furnish each member at the opening of each day a printed calendar of the preceding day's session of each branch of the Legislature.

House bill providing for the appointment of a factory inspector at a salary of \$1200 was read and referred Tuesday.

The House bill for the protection and preservation of game was reported favorable Wednesday with an amendment making the shooting of woodcock open the entire year and providing the shooting of other game shall begin December 1st, instead of November 15th, and end January 15th, instead of December 31st, as at present.

The Senate by a vote of 11 to 6 passed Senate bill making the day for holding general elections a holiday. The object is to close the banks so corruptionists cannot draw money from bank on that day.

Several members of the General Assembly visited the State College for Colored Students Tuesday afternoon. An appropriation of \$4,000 is asked for the finishing and improving the buildings.

Mr. Powell has introduced a bill appointing Dr. B. L. Lewis, W. H. Franklin and John D. Brown commissioners of Harrington and providing for raising \$1,000 for fire protection.

Mr. Warren's act to protect habitual drunkards makes a person who sells a drunkard liquor within a year after being warned liable to \$100 fine and six months imprisonment.

Mr. Holcomb's bill to abolish the kissing of the Bible when the oath was being taken passed by a vote of 28 to 2.

The Senate and House gave a hearing Wednesday to the representatives of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, who urged that the State make an appropriation for an exhibit at the fair, which will open at St. Louis May 1st, 1904.

Mr. Allee gave notice Wednesday of an act authorizing the construction, extension and improving of the sewer system of the town of Dover, and empowering the Town Council to borrow money to pay for the same.

The bill providing for steam boiler inspection has been recommitted.

Representative Groves introduced a bill making it a felony for any person to poison dogs and provided for the punishment of guilty persons with 20 lashes, 1 hour in prison and 1 year imprisonment.

Mr. Holcomb introduced a bill which makes it felony for any person to accompany a voter in a voting booth and provides a fine of not more than \$100 and 20 lashes.

TOWNSEND NOTES

Mr. Harry Hart, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday in Townsend.

Mr. Walter Finley, of Philadelphia, was in town Tuesday.

Mr. Leon Clark, of Kenton, visited friends in town Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Whitehouse, of Wilmington, were in town Tuesday.

Mr. H. K. McCabe spent several days this week at his home in Selbyville.

Mr. Victor Smith, who has been working in Philadelphia, has returned home.

Mrs. Clarence Smith, of Hurlock, is visiting her mother-in-law, Mrs. H. M. Smith.

Invitations are out announcing the wedding of Miss Carrie Weldon and Mr. George C. Burge, February 28th.

Miss Winnie Price, of Still Pond, Md., who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Watts, returned home Friday.

Mr. H. M. Smith and son, Elbert, have returned from Glasboro, N. J., where they have been employed in the glass factories for sometime.

Mr. Armour Quillen, one of our oldest and most highly respected citizens, died at his home last Saturday. Mr. Quillen had been for many years a trustee of the M. E. Church and also a member of the school board. He had been an invalid for many months. Funeral services were held at the house on Tuesday morning; interment at Townsend cemetery.

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Trains Leave Middletown as Follows:  
North Bound—3.30, 7.30, 9.30 and 10.37 a. m.;  
1.1 and 4.55 p. m.  
South Bound—1.40, 3.31, 5.31 and 11.40 a. m.;  
3.36, 4.14 and 7.5 p. m.

Mails Close as Follows:  
Going North—7.30 a. m., 10.35 a. m., 3.50 p. m.,  
5.45 p. m. and 9 p. m.  
Going South—1.40 a. m., 4.30 p. m., and 9 p. m.  
For Odessa—3.30 a. m., 11.40 a. m., 3.50 p. m.,  
5.45 p. m., 7.5 p. m.  
For Warwick, Cecilton, Barville and Nassau—8.40 a. m.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., FEB. 21, 1903.

### Local News.

Yes, the groundhog saw his shadow.  
Full line of Fresh Groceries at E. F. INGRAM'S.

The predictions about the peach crop are beginning to come in.  
Dr. W. E. BARNARD, Surgeon Dentist, office Southeast corner of Main and Scott streets.

Wednesday night was the coldest of the year. The thermometer registered 3 degrees.

Bishop Coleman is expected to preach in St. Anne's Church next Wednesday evening.

WANTED.—Three ladies for the dress making department. Apply to Mrs. G. W. PETERSON.

FOR RENT or SALE.—One Lot on Lake street. Apply to Mrs. B. T. BIGGS.

A splendid lot of Red Cedar Posts for wire fence at right price.  
G. E. HICKILL.

A sale of pies, cakes, biscuits, salads, etc., will be held in the New Century Club room this afternoon from 2 to 5 o'clock.

Sunday was the fifth anniversary of the destruction of the battleship Maine, which was blown up in Havana harbor.

The steamer Clio will resume her semi-weekly trips from Odessa to Philadelphia on Monday, March 23. See time table next week.

Will sacrifice first-class square Piano if sold at once. Latest style and in good shape. Apply to CHAS. H. WORKMAN, Odessa, Del.

At the public sale of Mr. Marcellus Jones which took place yesterday, good prices were realized, and Mr. Jones is well pleased with the receipts of his sale.

The Junior Epworth League of the Bethesda M. E. Church will hold a bazaar at the home of Miss Ada Scott, on North Broad street, on Friday evening, March 6th.

Notwithstanding the extremely cold weather, the administrator's sale of the late C. S. Goldsborough drew a large crowd on Wednesday and good prices were realized.

Until further notice the Middletown Public Library will be open on Tuesday afternoon, from 3.30 to 5; Saturday afternoons, from 3 to 5; Saturday evenings, from 7 to 8.30.

If you want THE TRANSCRIPT to come to you or to your friend for the coming year, just send in \$1 for pay for it and we'll do our part for the next 52 weeks. Our terms are in advance always.

With but one exception, last Sunday was the thirteenth consecutive inclement "Sunday." Perhaps the mystic number "13" will break the spell and we may look for better weather to-morrow.

WANTED.—A young or middle-aged man, well acquainted with the retail Hardware and Stove business. Apply with references and wages to MIDDLETOWN HARDWARE HOUSE.

If you have a cow sick or out of condition use "Kow Kure." For horses use "Rust Climax Condition Powder." To make hens lay use "Rust Egg Producer." J. F. McWHORTER & SON.

Mr. William C. McCoy has again postponed his public sale, and will sell his stock, farming implements, etc., to-day, at 10 o'clock A. M., on the Julian Cochran farm, two miles west of Middletown.

To-morrow is Washington's birthday, and some of our people will observe Monday as a holiday. Both of our National banks will be closed on Monday, and if you have a note coming due on the 23d, you should attend to it to-day.

The new dwellings of State Treasurer M. B. Borris on East Main street are nearing completion, and the contractors, Messrs. Z. T. Bradley & Son have a large force of men at work in order to have them ready for occupancy on March 25th.

We have on hand or will order STOVE REPAIRS for all makes of stoves. Give us the number of your stove and the makers name, and we will give you the repairs at once.

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NOTICE.—Cabbage Plants for sale cheap. Grown from trust seed of Jersey Wakefield and Big Charleston Wakefield. Will sell in large or small lots. Those wanting plants will do well to write me.

JOHN W. TAYLOR, Mappaville, Va.

Mr. Frank Harris will remove his family to Dover where he will be District Superintendent for the Home Life Insurance Co., of Wilmington. Mr. Harris has held a similar position in this town for the past two years, and has met with much success in the insurance business.

An editor in a neighboring town sarcastically remarks that he wants to buy a sack of flour, a pair of shoes and a felt hat, and is prepared to receive the lowest bids for the same. He says some of his own townspeople treat him that way when they want printing done to the amount of \$2 or \$3.

Bethesda Epworth League meets in the lecture room of the M. E. Church every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock. Everybody is invited to attend. The topic for to-morrow evening is: "The Christian Man in Public Life." 2 Chron. 17:3-4; 29:20-27; Rom. 13:3-4. Leader J. H. Emerson.

The Young Peoples Society of Christian Endeavor of Forest Presbyterian Church, meets every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to everybody. The topic for to-morrow evening is "An Evening with Home Missions." Acts 13:6-8. Mrs. G. B. Pearson, leader.

A slight fire occurred at the residence of Mr. William Sirman at the railroad station in this town early Friday morning. A fresh fire had been started in the furnace, and the blaze was caused by a defective flue. The fire company was not called out, as the flames were quickly extinguished by a few buckets of water.

We have just received a car of Soft Coal. Price a little lower than recently.

G. E. HICKILL.

The latest trolley talk is that another company is preparing to build a line from Millford to Delaware City and connect with the Wilmington and New Castle road.

WANTED.—Good canvasser for unoccupied territory: free outfit, cash each week for whole or part time. Western New York Nursery Co., Dept. 2, Rochester, N. Y.

Mr. W. R. Polk, secretary of the Odessa and Middletown Railroad Company, has a notice in another column of this issue, calling the attention of the stockholders to a meeting to be held at the hotel of Charles W. Lloyd, in Odessa, on Saturday evening, March 7th, at 7 o'clock. A large attendance is desired.

The young lady friends of Miss Katie Droll tendered her a pleasant surprise party at her home on Anderson street Tuesday evening last, and the ten couples present had a very enjoyable time. Music, dancing and games were indulged in until a late hour when the guests were invited to the dining-room, where refreshments were served.

Uncollected Letters.—The following list of letters remain uncollected in the post office for the week ending February 12th: Mrs. E. Beeson, Mrs. Annie Beel, (postal card) Mrs. Mary Boarder (postal card) Mrs. Edward Carey, Mrs. Annie Deputy, Miss Emma Martin, Miss Dell Shellen, Mrs. Mary Wallace, Walter Crumpton, James Moss, Ish Pratt, Thos. Price.

Tomato growers are demanding \$3 and \$10 per ton as a basis for contracting; and, in view of the fact that labor has advanced from 12 to 20 per cent. the increased contract price is not an unreasonable one. It is probable that a compromise of the matter between the canners and growers will be arrived at and, the price be fixed at about \$8.50 or \$9 per ton.

Mrs. Elizabeth Cook, mother of Mr. George M. Wilson who resides on Lockwood street has just finished a bed quilt containing 784 squares, and each one of these squares contains 8 small squares, making the quilt contain 6,272 squares all told. This is indeed a remarkable piece of work for a lady of Mrs. Cook's age, as she celebrated her 83d birthday on Saturday last.

Mr. George Minner who drives the Standard Oil Company's wagon between Middletown and Newark, had many trying experiences on his trip last week. The roads were very heavy, and in places the large wagon would fall in to the hub, and in some instances it would require four or five horses to pull it out. Mr. Minner arrived home one day later than usual, and left many of his regular customers unserved.

To put two columns of matter in one column of space is often the difficult task that confronts the TRANSCRIPT on Friday mornings, and if our regular correspondents would send in their weekly letters on Thursday morning instead of a day later, much of the trouble would be obviated, and we would be spared the very delicate task of "cutting" our correspondents, and they themselves would be spared the trial of having their contributions mutilated by the ruthless hand of the editor.

The shirt factory which has been closed since Christmas resumed operation Wednesday morning under the management of D. L. Robertson & Co., of Glen's Falls, N. Y., and we are informed the new firm have already booked several large orders. At the present time they are short of operators, but many of the old employees who have secured positions in other towns will return in a short while, and the factory will then be in a position to turn out a large quantity of work.

"The mention of Rev. C. T. Wyatt's name as the probable Presiding Elder of the Eastern district of Wilmington M. E. Conference, meets with strong approval at Rock Hall, Md., especially among the membership of the J. O. U. A. M., he being one of the most prominent members of the order and an orator of great ability. It was he on behalf of the State Council of Maryland, Jr. O. U. A. M., who made the presentation speech in Washington when the order presented the handsome medal to Commodore W. S. Schley about 18 months ago."—Chesapeake Enterprise.

Special services will be held in the Forest Presbyterian Church beginning to-morrow (Sunday) and will be continued every evening excepting Saturday evenings. The Rev. Henry Rumer, D. D., will preach next Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, the Rev. W. L. Freund on Thursday evening, and the Rev. Joseph B. Turner, of Dover, will preach on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday evenings of week after next. The Pastor's class of inquirers will meet this afternoon, at 4 o'clock, and on the following Saturdays at 2.30 o'clock. The Session of the Lord's Supper will be administered on Sunday morning, March 8th. All are cordially invited.

A cold wave accompanied by snow arrived Monday night, the drop of the mercury accompanied by high winds blowing about thirty miles an hour, making the air too zero-like for grumbling humanity to enjoy. The thermometer stood at three above zero Thursday morning in Middletown, and the water pipes and furnace fires have made more than one man and woman wish for a climate where such ills are unknown. It takes a very fanciful imagination at such times to find much beauty in Jack Frost's autograph on the window pane, especially if the house plants are tipped by his chilling breath. But there are worse ills than these that come with the drop in the mercury—the suffering from the want of food, fuel and shelter in many of the large cities by the poor.

The writer has often heard it suggested by many of the residents of Middletown that it would be well to have the drinking water used from local wells, analyzed, for comparison with the water from the deep wells or town water, and if the people are once convinced that they are using impure water it would not be long before the local wells were all closed and the inhabitants patronizing the water supplied by the town, which has been tested by chemical analysis and found absolutely pure. Impure drinking water is held accountable for a large proportion of typhoid fever, dysentery and many other ills that man is heir to, and while Middletown is a fairly healthy place there is a prevalent belief that much of our drinking water is bad. In a town where there is no sewerage system, the wells

are necessarily affected by surface drainage, and often the most careful and cleanly people are the greatest sufferers from someone else's carelessness. The difference in the cost of town water and keeping a well and pump in repair is said to be very little by those who have tried both, but there is a very small proportion of residents who use town water.

PERSONALITIES

Miss Maria Nowland is in Philadelphia.

Miss Bessie McCoy spent Sunday in Wilmington.

Miss Maggie Beaton is sojourning in Atlantic City.

Mr. William Watson, of Dover, was in town Monday.

Miss Elizabeth Holten spent Wednesday in Smyrna.

Miss Emma Brown is visiting relatives in Philadelphia.

Mr. Charles Lochner was in Philadelphia over Sunday.

Mr. David Leshem, of Wilmington, was in town this week.

Mr. Frank Sunday was in Havre-de-Grace over Sunday.

Mrs. Edgar Clark and son spent Sunday in Wilmington.

Miss Katie Droll has returned from a visit to Philadelphia.

Mr. Abram Hayden spent Sunday with his mother in Wilmington.

Miss Edna Cleaver, of Wilmington, is visiting her parents near town.

Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Matthews visited friends in Chester, Pa., this week.

Mrs. Mary Hall and daughter, Miss Elizabeth, spent Sunday in Philadelphia.

Mrs. W. J. Bickett returned on Monday from a two weeks visit to Baltimore, Md.

Mrs. Margaret Darlington and Mrs. Kate Letherbury visited Clayton during the week.

Mrs. Nathan Yearsley was the guest of her daughter, Mrs. John A. Fortner the past week.

Miss Marion Cochran, of Elwyn, Pa., is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Cochran.

Mr. J. E. Cleaver has returned to New York after a pleasant visit with Miss Fannie Fortner on Anderson street.

Mr. Harvey Farris, of Smyrna, has accepted a position in Mr. John H. Fortner's meat store on Broad street.

Mrs. Charles N. Dickerson was an Elkton visitor this week. She was accompanied home by Miss Rebecca Shively, of Wilmington.

Mrs. I. S. Vallandigham will leave to-day for Wilmington, where she will make her home in the future. Mrs. Vallandigham has many warm friends in Middletown who will regret to learn of her leaving our town.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Lynch, residing near Townsend, have issued invitations to the marriage of their daughter, Bertha, to Mr. William A. Lee, the ceremony to take place at the residence of the parents of the groom-elect, Mr. and Mrs. William J. Lee, on Wednesday evening, March 4th, at 7 o'clock.

SALES TO TAKE PLACE

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23d, 1903.—Public Sale of stock, farming implements, &c., by Harry Willey. W. Harman Reynolds, auctioneer.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24th, 1903.—Public sale of stock, farm implements, &c., by C. S. Martin. W. Harman Reynolds, auctioneer.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25th, 1903.—Public sale of stock, farm implements, &c., by William F. Reynolds, at Reynolds' Cross-roads, near Price's Corner, Del. W. Harman Reynolds, auctioneer.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26th, 1903.—Public Sale of stock, farm implements, &c., Harry Deakney, near "Dogtown," about 24 miles from Townsend. W. Harman Reynolds, auctioneer.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27th, 1903.—Public sale of stock, farm implements, &c., David S. Lyman, on the Watts Farm, near Townsend, on the road leading from Vanduyke's to Patterson's School House. W. Harman Reynolds, auctioneer.

TUESDAY, MARCH 3d, 1903.—Public sale of stock, farming implements, &c., by Charles H. Salmon, on his farm, on the road from Summit Bridge to Chesapeake City, one mile from Summit Bridge. William S. Smith, auctioneer.

BOHEMIA MANOR ITEMS

Sickness in light form, such as colds, is very prevalent.

Miss Anna Dickinson is the guest of Chesapeake City friends.

Mrs. A. Spear and daughter, Miss Edna, visited Warwick friends Monday.

Mrs. Harry Armstrong and daughter, of Armstrong's Corner, were the guests of Mr. William Wilson on Monday.

The long succession of stormy Sundays is getting to be something to be talked about. Some say this has been a lazy winter for church goers, especially in the country, because of rainy Sundays and bad roads. There has not been more than five Sundays since the middle of September, 1902, when it did not rain or threaten rain some part of the day.

On Thursday morning of last week a large company of men with a pack of dogs went on Bohemia Manor and proceeded to hunt Reynard. A hot scent was soon struck and an exciting chase took place. For a considerable time some of our sheep-raising farmers who live in this locality near the haunts of wily Reynard, have objected to fox chasing going on over their farms. While to some the deep notes of a pack of howling dogs is the sweetest music, it arouses the ire of others because fox-footed Reynard is trailed across their fields by the hounds, and quite often attack their sheep while they are quietly grazing.

It Keeps the Feet Warm and Dry Ask to try Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder that cures Chubbins, Swollen, Sweated, Sore, Aching, Damp Feet. At all druggists and shoe stores, 25c.

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### CECILTON SIFTINGS

Miss Mamie Pierce visited friends in town on Saturday.

Mr. J. E. Ferguson, of Chester, visited his mother, Mrs. M. E. Ferguson, during the past week.

Miss Mamie Steel, of Chesapeake City, was the guest of her aunt, Mrs. James Watts, last week.

Miss Frances Griffith entertained the Young People's Club at her home, on Saturday evening last.

Miss Florence Ego, of Chesapeake City, spent a few days of the past week with Mrs. G. W. Padley and Mrs. M. E. Clayton.

Miss Frances Griffith had as her guest on Saturday and Sunday Miss Marion Clark.

Mr. T. Bayard Vinyard, of Warwick, is visiting his uncle, John Stephens.

Miss Mollie Richards is visiting relatives in Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Polke Steel, of Chesapeake City, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. James Watts.

The mid-winter dance given in Mechanics' Hall, Cecilton, February 12th, was largely attended, and proved a society success. Committee of arrangements were: S. Wills Lushy, Charles Jarvis, Fred Hoover, Tom Cruikshank. The patronesses were: Mrs. George Oldham, Mr. G. N. Davis, Mrs. E. J. Davis, Mrs. M. E. Clayton, Mrs. C. J. Jarvis. Music was furnished by the Dewey Park Orchestra. Among those present were: Misses Mamie Steel, Florence Ego, Stollie Bouchelle, Messrs. Lundell Beaton, Harry Howard, Griffith Ellison, Bert Manlove, of Chesapeake City; Misses Maude Ringgold, Daisy McCauley, Messrs. Bert Ireland, William Hyland, Herman McCauley, Andrew McCauley, Dr. E. A. Scott, Keith Cochran, Wilson Cochran, Unit Horsey, Glen Pennington, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis McCauley, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Cochran, of Galena; Miss Fannie Woodall, Messrs. James Woodall, Richard Wallis, of Georgetown; Miss May Roe and Mr. Edgar Beaton, of Massey's; Mr. J. E. Ferguson, of Chesapeake City; Miss Bessie Merritt, of Golts; Messrs. Corney and Arthur Davis, of Townsend; Miss Beulah Crawford and Archie Crawford, of Warwick; Miss Mary Dushane, Messrs. Edward Hurt, Samuel Dushane, of Locust Grove; Mrs. James Oldham, Misses Julia Dushane, Olive and Elinor Oldham, Messrs. William Rowen, Roy Carpenter, Howard Benson, George Jones, Jr., of Earleville; Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Jarvis, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Black, Mr. and Mrs. E. Jarvis, Dr. and Mrs. M. R. Black, Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Myers, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Watts, Mrs. J. D. Boulton, Mrs. M. E. Clayton, Mrs. George Oldhouse, Misses Marian Clark, Annie and Mamie Jones, Desie Boulton, Daisy Hoover, Lila Manlove, Mamie Waller, Hyllie Boulton, Nellie Lushy, Gerlie Hoover, Blanche Padley, Hennie Price, Laura Price, May Deputy, Lillian Antch, Henerita Oldham, Messrs. Fred Hoover, Wills Lushy, Thomas Cruikshank, Thomas Boulton, Noble Ferguson, Harry Manlove, Harry Lushy, William Clark, George Beaton, Durney Oldham, George Oldham, Owen Griffith, George Pierce.

ST. GEORGES ITEMS

Mrs. R. R. Ecker spent Saturday in Philadelphia.

Raymond Jamison has accepted a position in Wilmington.

Mumps are prevalent among the young children of the town.

Prof. R. Pratt has returned from a visit to Philadelphia.

Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Dewitt were Philadelphia visitors on Tuesday.

Mr. Jessup, of Swatmore, Pa., was an over Sunday guest at the Manse.

Frank Shoule and wife entertained Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cannon, of Odessa, on Monday.

Owing to the inclement weather on Sunday last no services were held in our churches.

Joseph Henry and wife, of Wilmington, spent part of last week with Joseph Heisel and family.

Miss Martha Sooy, of Wilmington, spent part of last week with her friend, Miss Sara Milligan.

William Haman, of State Road, was the guest of his brother-in-law, H. C. Buckson, on Monday.

Messrs M. C. Riley and James Robert spent Sunday with Clarence Pool and family, near McDonough.

The ladies of the M. E. Church are preparing for a supper to be held in Odd Fellows' Hall, March 6th.

Charles Stapleford and wife, of Boyersville, spent Monday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Nelson.

Townsend Moore who has been confined to the house by illness for several weeks past is able to be out again.

Messrs. George and Harry Clark were in Wilmington several days this week as delegates to the State Council, Jr., O. U. A. M.

Miss Mary Thomas who has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. Howard Gray, for the past two weeks has returned to her home near Dover.

Miss Annie Heiry, of Wilmington, who came to spend Sunday with her grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Heisel, was taken ill and is unable to leave for the present.

The remains of Susan B., widow of the late John C. Clark, formerly of Kirkwood, Pa., for the past few years residing in Wilmington, were interred in the family lot in St. Georges Cemetery on Friday.

Postmaster D. B. Stewart who has been confined to his home for the past three weeks on account of a fall, was able to be at the postoffice on Monday for a short time, but can only walk with the aid of a crutch.

The Valentine party given by the Christian Endeavor Society in the Presbyterian Church was a great success. Mrs. William Janvier received first prize and Mrs. H. C. Dolson, second prize, in the "heart contest," and James Ellison, consolation prize. Miss Martha Sooy, dressed as a gypsy, occupied a tent and added much to the evening's entertainment by telling the fortunes of all those who wished to know their future.

### SASSAFRAS ITEMS

The measles are somewhat alarming in Fairlee.

There were quite a number of sleighs out on Tuesday.

Mrs. G. Parnell, of Smyrna, is visiting Mrs. John F. Ernest.

Several of our young men are taking dancing lessons at Cecilton.

Mr. Bayard Jones has returned from a visit to Chester and Baltimore.

Mr. David Stewart, of Smyrna, is the guest of Mr. Harry Griffith.

The temperature was down to three degrees on Thursday morning.

Master Frank Sylvester visited his cousin, Paul Rosin, several days last week.

Miss Bessie Gunkel, of Warwick, visited her sister, Mrs. John F. Ernest on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Griffith and two daughters were guests of Middletown relatives on Saturday.

Rev. J. McLain Brown, of Warwick, was entertained for dinner Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sylvester.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rosin and son, Paul, of near Galena, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sylvester Sunday.

Notwithstanding the heavy downpour of rain and sleet on Sunday Rev. J. McLain Brown, of Warwick, drove here to hold services.

It is said that out of forty-seven Sabbaths we have had twenty clear ones. So many stormy Sabbaths has greatly hindered church work.

The members of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union held memorial services Monday all over the world in honor of Miss Francis Willard.

Sassafraz Council, No. 95, Jr. O. U. A. M. initiated two new members on Tuesday evening. Those initiated were: Arthur Carroll and William Stradley.

The McClellan Granite Company of Cecil County has been awarded the contract to furnish 200 granite buoy sinkers for the government, for use in the fifth lighthouse district for \$2,227.50.

Mr. James Thornley had a very close call on Wednesday morning last at the creamery here. A horse attached to a creamery wagon dashed into him, the horse and shaft striking him in the side and severely injuring him.

The St. Valentine tea party held on Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Shephard by the Mite Society was well attended and a most delightful evening was enjoyed by all. The amount realized was \$87.

Prof. Henry H. Hall gave an interesting and delightful entertainment consisting of "Ten Nights in a Bar-room," moving pictures, etc., on Monday evening. Notwithstanding such a stormy night there was a good attendance.

Wednesday evening will long be remembered. Rev. J. McLain Brown gave his congregation a great treat by bringing with him the Rev. F. T. Little, president of the M. A. Conference of the M. P. Church. He preached one of the most eloquent sermons that was ever heard in that church.

Public Sale

ON HAMBURG FARM,

on the line of the New Castle and Delaware City Trolley Road, on

Monday, Feb. 23, 1903

At 10 o'clock A. M.,

18 Head of

Horses, Mules and Colts

No. 1—Mark, sorrel horse, 4 years old, well broken, promises to be a fine roadster.

No. 2—Ruth, sorrel mare, 4 years old, very promising; half sister of No. 1.

No. 3—Max, brown horse, 7 years old, well broken and a fine driver.

No. 4—Maggie, sorrel mare, 9 years old, good driver, will work anywhere.

No. 5—Blackmore, brown horse, 10 years old, good for any purpose.

No. 6—Kate, roan mare, 13 years old, gentle, good for ladies' driving.

No. 7—Fannie, brown mare, 13 years old, good worker.

No. 8—Sam, bay horse, 9 years old, a good, reliable farm horse.

No. 9—Nellie, brown mare, 10 years old, good worker.

No. 10—Dick, sorrel horse, 9 years old, prompt, will work anywhere.

No. 11—Ben, sorrel colt, coming 2 years old.

No. 12—Teddy, black colt, coming 2 years old.

No. 13—May, filly colt, 8 months old.

No. 14 and 15—A pair of good, solid mules, will work anywhere.

No. 16—Sadie, bay mare, 7 years old, will work anywhere and an excellent driver; sired by Honest Fred.

No. 17—Tobe, a gray horse, 8 years old, a No. 1 work horse and a good driver; sired by Honest Fred.

No. 18—Frank, a bay horse, 16 years old, a No. 1 farm horse; sired by Honest Fred.

Three Good Cows, two with calves by their sides.

Farming Implements, Etc.: 1 farm wagon, in good order, one nearly new. 2 hay rickings. 2 McCormick self-binders, seven feet, open end, in good order. 1 McCormick corn harvester, nearly new. 3 mowers, one nearly new. 1 Keystone hay loader. 1 side delivery rake. 1 steel-tooth horse rake. 1 hay-tedder. 1 sprayer. 1 iron roller. 1 grain fan, nearly new. 2 grindstones. 1 family carriage. 1 spindle wagon. 1 deerhorn. 1 carriage-pole, nearly new. 3 three-horse plows, in good order. 2 two-horse plows. 2 one-horse plows. 2 hillside plows, nearly new. 4 harrows, one nearly new. 1 disc harrow. 2 spring-tooth harrows.



